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Norikazu MAYAMA et al. : Docket No. 2003-1616A

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FLAME-RETARDANT
THERMOSETTING RESIN COMPOSITION :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

- a. a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 1,
- d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

JP 7-304891 discloses a flame-retardant olefin resin comprising a tetrazole-based blowing agent. However, it does not disclose a thermosetting resin comprising a tetrazole-based compound.

JP 2000-290484 discloses a flame-retardant thermoplastic polyester resin comprising a tetrazole-based compound. However, it does not disclose a thermosetting resin comprising a tetrazole-based compound.

JP 2001-131324 discloses a flame-retardant styrene-based resin comprising a tetrazole-based compound. However, it does not disclose a thermosetting resin comprising a tetrazole-based compound.

5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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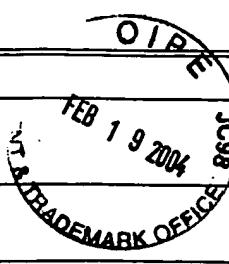
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AJ	7-304891	11/1995	Japan			
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